

Application No: 10/129,230

REMARKSClaim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horner (U.S. Pat. No. 6,321,084) in view of Azer (U.S. Pat. No. 5,481,592). Claims 9, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Azer in view of Horner.

The Office Action indicates that the teaching of the prior art either alone or in combination fails to teach that the call management program provides prompts to the caller requesting transmission of a digit to a specific site in the specific spacecraft for connection to the caller. Independent claim 1 was amended to require that the call management program provides prompts to the user's communications device requesting transmission of a digit related to a specific terminal site in the specific spacecraft for connection to the user's communications device. Claims 2-6, and 16-18 are dependent on amended claim 1, and are also believed to be allowable.

Claim 8 was amended to rewrite the claim in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 9 was amended to include the feature wherein the operators database provides prompts to a caller requesting transmission of a digit related to a specific site in the specific spacecraft for connection to the caller. Independent claim 10 was also amended to require that the operators database provides prompts to a caller requesting transmission of a digit related to a specific site in the specific spacecraft for connection to a caller. Claims 11-14 are dependent on amended claim 10 and further distinguish the invention. Accordingly, claims 11-14 are also believed to be allowable.

Independent claim 19 was amended to add the limitation that wherein the operators database provides prompts to a caller requesting transmission of a digit related to a specific site in the spacecraft for connection to the caller. Claim 20 is dependent on amended claim 19 and is believed to be allowable.

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CONCLUSION

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 2 and 7 are canceled, and claims 1, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 18, and 19 are amended.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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